

Humane News

Stories of Lives Saved Through **Your** Heartfelt Support



Love, Loss, and New Life

You Helped Ajax Mend His Broken Heart

Ajax's story will break your heart. While we wouldn't wish his pain on anyone, his experience demonstrates the power of second chances ... and the enduring impact of your support.



We first met Ajax as a puppy. He and his adopter formed an immediate, unbreakable bond, and when they left together, we knew Ajax had found true love.

A decade later, tragedy struck. Ajax's owner passed away unexpectedly. For three days, Ajax — ever loving and loyal — stayed by his owner's side. Finally, they were discovered, and Ajax, now 10 years old, came back to Anti-Cruelty.

Just like that, Ajax's whole world had been turned upside down. But hope found its way back to his heart when a kind and compassionate couple asked to meet him. They offered him a second chance at happiness.

Now, Ajax basks in their tender care, surrounded by the comfort of a loving home. He enjoys daily walks and adventures at a nearby forest preserve. He spends his evenings in his favorite spot on the couch, cuddling with his family.

Ajax's life hasn't always been easy. But through it all, he's been loved ... by his former owner, his new parents, and friends like YOU. Thank you for helping Ajax find true love — again! 🐾



You're showing Ajax that he still has a lot of love to give (and receive!).

Also Inside!

296 Days: You showed a 19-year-old cat love and care for the long haul!

Happy Pupdate: Bailey says "hello" from her happy home.

Your Support Can Guide Us Through the Summer Surge



Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the summer days.

As temperatures rise, so too do the challenges we face to ensure the well-being of our beloved animal residents at Anti-Cruelty.

Summer brings its own set of challenges to our shelter, and to shelters across the country. The scorching heat poses risks to the health and comfort of our furry friends, requiring increased efforts and resources to keep them safe and cool. Your past support has made it possible to provide lifesaving essentials, such as adequate shelter, hydration, nutritious food, and medical care during the toughest times.

But our work never stops. We count on your continued generosity, and we hope you'll give again today to ensure the happiness and welfare of the animals in our care. Your donations create more happy stories — journeys to second chances, newfound friendships, and forever homes. Your kindness makes a difference in the lives of those who cannot speak for themselves.

As we navigate the summer surge, I humbly ask for your support once again. Your gift today will help us alleviate the challenges of this season and make more happy stories possible for our cherished animals.

Thank you for helping animals in need. Together, we can continue to build a more humane Chicago for pets and people.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darlene Duggan".

Darlene Duggan
Interim President

125 Years and More Animals to Help



This past March, our organization turned 125 years old — a momentous achievement! Our history dates all the way back to 1899 with our founder, Rose Fay Thomas, a pioneer for women in animal welfare.

As we celebrate our legacy and embark on our next chapter, we unveiled a new logo and a new name: Anti-Cruelty.

We're proud of our humble beginnings and bright future, standing at the forefront of animal welfare and humane education. From our open-door philosophy to our commitment to find a home for every adoptable animal, we provide compassionate care for any animal in need. YOU make it all possible. Thank you for being part of this mission!

296 Long — But Not Lonely — Days

At 19 years old, Yoyo is what we lovingly refer to as a super senior. The gentle cat was diagnosed with chronic kidney failure and came to us when her owner was unable to care for her medical needs.

While most adopters are looking for a younger pet, we knew sweet Yoyo was simply “more experienced.” Her polite, gentle nature makes her a wonderful companion, and she deserves to spend her golden years as a beloved family member.

So Yoyo was readied for adoption and moved into foster care. Despite her challenges in health and age, she proved to be happy and resilient. Her personality blossomed in her foster home. She used her sweet, sing-songy voice to express her contentment and joy, especially during playtime with her favorite toys.

Thank you for helping the animals in greatest need.

As days turned into months, a beautiful story unfolded. Yoyo’s foster parents grew to love her like another member of the family. This is what’s so amazing about fostering: it changes lives, for both pets and people!

In a heartwarming turn of events, what began as a temporary foster placement evolved into a lifelong commitment. After 296 days, Yoyo’s foster home turned into a forever home, as her foster parents officially adopted her.

As she navigates her golden years, Yoyo serves as a beacon of hope for all animals. She proves that every pet deserves to love and be loved, no matter their age or condition.

Her transformation from a surrendered pet to a cherished family member, with someone dedicated to helping her with her chronic kidney failure, speaks volumes to the impact of patience, understanding, and commitment of our incredible foster parents. **And of donors like you! Thank you for providing care for the animals in greatest need. 🐾**



Yoyo found herself homeless at age 19. You made sure her story didn't end there.

Do You Have Room in Your Heart and Home?

Foster parents provide temporary shelter in their homes, with all supplies provided.

Some of the pets who come to us need additional care before becoming adoption-ready, while others may be enrolled in our emergency boarding program, SAFE. No matter the reason, our foster parents give pets from all walks of life extra TLC to help them along on their journey.

Visit anticruelty.org/foster to learn more or get started.

PUPDATE:

Bailey Is Thriving!

Last year, we introduced you to Bailey. She arrived hungry and suffering from malnutrition. Over the next several months, Bailey gained 15 healthy pounds and lots of friends and supporters. We're touched by the fact that Bailey's heartbreaking story resonated with so many people who wanted to help her.

And we're thrilled to tell you that Bailey is thriving in her home! She feels great and even loves living with a cat sibling. From starving on the street to sharing love and joy with her family, we are thrilled with the progress she has made!

Thank you for making happily-ever-after stories possible. If she could, Bailey would tell you, "Thank you for saving my life!" 🐾



We could see pain — and hope — in Bailey's eyes. Thank you for saving her!

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